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GOV. EASLEY CALLS FOR COMMISSION TO EXAMINE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS

RALEIGH - In a memorandum sent to Council of State members today, Gov. Mike Easley called for the establishment of a formal commission to examine the ethical standards applied to the executive branch in North Carolina. The executive branch consists of all statewide elected officials and their appointees.

The text of Easley's letter follows:

As we discussed at our Council of State meeting yesterday morning, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall will be making recommendations regarding ethical changes for lobbyists as it relates to the legislative branch. I applaud Secretary Marshall and her Advisory Council on Legislative Lobbying Policy and Regulation for their hard work on this very important issue.

It is my recommendation that we, as the Council of State, establish a formal commission to determine how these standards should be applied to the executive branch. I know you are committed to the highest ethical standards in your office and I see this as an opportunity for us in North Carolina to yet again distinguish our state with reasonable, responsible and effective regulations for the executive branch of government. Working together, I am certain that we can develop a plan to ensure that our offices maintain a high standard of accountability to the citizens of this great state.

Franklin Freeman will be contacting you regarding the creation of the commission.

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